

WOMEN ARE DIVIDED ON CANNERY CHANGE

Club Delegates Would Keep
Welfare Body in Control
and Workers Say "Nay."

OVER 10-HOUR DAY ASKED

Father O'Hara Assails LaFollette
Measure as Being Indecent—Fac-
tory Men Submit Comprom-
ise to Committee.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 20.—(Special).—A movement to remove the canneries of the state from the Industrial Welfare Commission, as proposed by the LaFollette bill now pending before the Senate committee on horticulture, was opposed tonight by a delegation of Portland clubwomen and just as vigorously defended by a representative group of cannery workers from Portland, Salem and other parts of the state.

The opposition to the bill was led by Father E. V. O'Hara, of Portland, head of the Industrial Welfare Commission, who declared the LaFollette bill to be "reactionary and indecent."

"No industry is so important to the state that it ought to be subsidized," said Father O'Hara, "and that is just what this bill proposes to do. It proposes to subsidize the cannery business by removing all regulations. It proposes to break down the ten-hour day, and that means that it will break down the health of the women. Any industry that must sacrifice the health of the future mothers of this state in order to thrive and to prosper had better be thrown into the Pacific Ocean. But I don't believe that there is any such industry in the state."

He denied the suggestions contained in the bill that the activities of the commission were detrimental to the cannery industry and will, in fact, wipe out the whole idea of the commission was to regulate the industries of the state so that those who are unscrupulous would have no advantage over those who were scrupulous.

George M. Cornwall, of Portland, pleaded for a compromise between the requirements of the LaFollette bill and the conditions laid down by the Industrial Welfare Commission. L. T. Reynolds, a fruit raiser, defended the canneries and the pending bill.

A committee of Portland cannery employees, consisting of Mrs. W. M. Adams and Martha E. Daniel, declared that the present conditions under which the women work are satisfactory—that they want to work more than 10 hours in busy seasons, so that they can earn extra money. Senator W. H. C. Brown, given by May Perry and Mrs. H. A. Rawson, forewomen in Salem canneries.

Mrs. Henry Russell Talbot, president of the Consumers' League of Portland, appealed to the Senators not to interfere with the work of the Industrial Commission. She said that she had in her possession were Miss Lucy Trevett, Miss Caroline Gleason, Miss Bertha Moore and Miss Heiland, of Portland.

Several of the cannerymen questioned the statements made by Miss Gleason regarding the alleged long hours that women are required to work in some of the canneries. Mrs. Gleason produced records of the cannery offices to substantiate her assertions.

The LaFollette bill is before the Senate horticultural committee for the second time. Its last paragraph providing that the entire cannery industry be removed from the jurisdiction of the welfare body.

Tonight the cannerymen, through G. L. Allen, of Salem, proposed that a compromise bill be drafted prescribing ten hours as the maximum number of hours that women may work in canneries per day, with the exception that in emergency cases they may work 12 hours upon permission of the commission. The minimum wage for adult workers is to be fixed at 11 cents per hour under terms of the proposed compromise. The committee took the measure under advisement.

REPORT FOR NAVAL MILITIA

Senate Committee Opposes Abolish-
ment of Service.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 20.—(Special).—The Senate committee on military affairs will report Senator Dimick's bill to abolish the Naval Militia unfavorably, and offer a substitute that the militia be placed under the jurisdiction of the Adjutant-General. Senator Vinton will submit a minority report asking that the Dimick bill be passed.

The majority report will recommend an appropriation of \$15,000 for the present biennial period, the estimate in the budget being \$26,000.

The committee attempted to report today, but because of the failure to have prepared a substitute bill, final action was postponed.

TRADE COMMISSION PROVIDED

To Investigate Possibilities as Result
of War Is Aim of Bill.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 20.—(Special).—In line with the ideas of Governor Withycombe, Senator Kellar today introduced a bill which authorizes the executive to appoint a trade commission to investigate business conditions, the result of the European war and the opening of the Panama Canal. An appropriation of \$5000 is asked.

The commission is authorized to employ a clerk at a salary fixed by it, and all expenditures shall be made upon vouchers approved by a majority of the members of the commission.

DREDGING RIGHTS AT ISSUE

Senate Bill Would Allow Use of River
Bottoms for Fills.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 20.—(Special).—Senator Leinenweber's bill 20, providing that cities may dredge beds of navigable streams to fill lowlands, was passed by the Senate today. Permission must also be obtained by cities from the United States Government.

Senator Leinenweber said the bill primarily was for the benefit of Astoria. A bulkhead had been built there at a cost of \$50,000 and more money is to be expended. Sand and rock are needed to make fills.

PETITION PEDDLING IS TARGET

Senator Day Files Act to Control
Recording of Signatures.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 20.—(Special).—A bill designed to prevent fraud in connection with the obtaining of signatures to initiative and referendum petitions was introduced by Sena-

tor Day today. It provides that every signature to a petition must be written at a place appointed specially for that purpose and in the presence of an officer appointed by the County Clerk. It shall be the duty of the County Clerk to set apart space in the County Courthouse for the purpose of taking signatures until the number received shall reach two per cent of the number of votes in the county at the next preceding general election. When the number of signatures exceeds two per cent the County Clerk shall select five school or other public buildings in the county as additional places where signatures may be obtained.

The Day bill is to put an end to the peddling of petitions.

WOMAN JURY RECOMMENDED

Senate Committee Favors Bill Per-
mitting Optional Service.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 20.—(Special).—The Senate Judiciary committee decided tonight to report favorably on Senator Langford's bill making women eligible to serve on juries. Women who desire may be exempt from serving, the original bill providing that they must notify the Sheriff of their desire before the date of appearance.

The committee, however, amended this clause making it necessary to give notification five days before the time of service.

SALT HOLD-UP ALLEGED

EX-ATTORNEY-GENERAL CRAW-
FORD SAYS PLOT HINDERS LEASE.

Charge Made Before Senate Committee
That Plan Is to Block Albert and
Summer Lake Grant Now Pending.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 20.—(Special).—That it is his opinion an attempt is being made to hold up Jason C. Moore or the state in connection with the leasing of Albert and Summer Lakes, which contain rich salt deposits, was the statement made tonight by E. M. Crawford, ex-Attorney-General, at a meeting of the Senate committee on public lands. J. Fred Larson, of Portland, declared that J. H. Wallace, who leads the association, is without financial standing and that none of its members has the financial ability to develop the property.

The committee is making an investigation to determine whether to approve the lease made by the State Land Board with Mr. Moore or to consider a proposal made by the association, which was rejected by the board. Mr. Crawford explained that Mr. Moore, who represents a New York syndicate, was the only bidder who deposited a certified check with the board for \$10,000 and had agreed to give a bond of \$25,000.

Albert Aya, a resident of La Pine, declared that at least \$7,000,000 would be expended; that it would bring prosperity to the state from the Columbia River to the California coast, and that he understood Mr. Moore would begin work six months after the approval of the lease and employ from 3000 to 5000 persons. He called attention to the contract to give the state \$25,000 a year for 40 years, no matter what the value of the product and royalties achieved by the state.

Mr. Crawford denied reports that he said had been circulated as to his having advised Mr. Wallace that it was not necessary to deposit a certain certified check with the board. He also denied that he drew papers which Mr. Wallace alleged he had prepared. Mr. Crawford said that he had not used the clause in the proposal of the association that it denied the state had title to the land and made its offer subject to the provision that if the state had gone on record as agreeing to any proposal of that kind it would have forfeited its right to the property to the United States. He further said that, although Mr. Wallace denied having an attorney, that he was confident he was advised by a lawyer of this city and one of two of Portland.

Mr. Larson called attention to a plan of Mr. Wallace and his associates of having persons file on the lakes under the placer mining law. He said he knew persons in Portland who were paying from \$5 to \$25 for claims and yet they did not know what they were doing.

Chairman Bingham, of the committee, announced that a public meeting would be held next Monday night to investigate the subject further.

GAS INQUIRY ORDERED

MULTNOMAH DELEGATION TAKES
MR. KELLER AT HIS WORD.

Speaker Selling Charges That Senator
Is Only Bluffing—Recent
Report Is Cited.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 20.—(Special).—An investigation of the franchise of the Portland Gas & Coke Company, with the view of determining whether its terms have been violated, was ordered this afternoon by the Multnomah County legislative delegation.

This is in accordance with the wishes of Senator Kellar, who loudly and repeatedly proclaimed before the entire delegation that somewhere in the archives of his office in Portland there was evidence to prove that the company has persistently and contemptuously violated its franchise. Some of his colleagues intimated that Senator Kellar was bluffing and adopted his own motion providing for the investigation as an effective means of calling his bluff.

The Kellar investigation was an unexpected outcome of the Multnomah legislators' meeting which had been called to consider a set of three proposals by John E. Coffey, County Clerk, and another by the State Railroad Commissioners.

The gas question popped up like smoke from a powder explosion. The fuse that set it off was a letter from ex-Governor West, in which he reported his investigations and those of the Portland Gas & Coke Company to the conclusion that no evidence to the effect that the terms of the franchise had been violated could be found.

"He came here four years ago and six years ago with the same kind of talk," declared Speaker Selling concerning the Kellar proposal. "He just said 'I didn't ask them to investigate. The same thing was on file in the City Hall if they wanted it,'" replied Senator Kellar.

Country High Schools Aim.

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SPECIAL ELECTION FOR WETS BLOCKED

Legislature at Olympia Re-
fuses to Submit Any Bill
Before November.

HOTEL MEN'S MOVE FAILS

"Daylight" Measure Also Is Laid on
Table by Pledge—Courts May Be
Asked to Invalidate Step.

There were only six votes cast against the measure in the Senate, where proceedings started, and when the resolution came to the House the dry movement had gained such impetus that only one Representative, Grass, of King, cast a negative vote.

The measure, the prohibition bill, adopted at last November's election will go into full effect January 1, 1916, unless the courts should fail to uphold the act.

Bill Excludes Saloons.

Initiative measure No. 18, the hotelmen's anti-prohibition bill, will come up at the general election of November and December, at least, in Washington will be arid.

There is little hope for the saloonmen in initiative No. 18, even should the measure be carried, as it allows breweries to operate and hotels to serve guests, it continues the prohibition against the open bar.

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Now Drys Think Wets Will Move.

The saloonmen's bill cannot be submitted until November 1, 1916, when time most of those in business will have removed from the state, the drys believe, and the wet organization thus weakened.

The only hope of the "wet" forces to prevent Washington becoming dry next January 1 is that the courts may declare the law invalid. Suit contesting the law already has been instituted in the Thurston County Superior Court by M. and K. Gotsch, who are saloonmen of Seattle, and it is expected that a similar suit will be filed in the case of a waiting hearing on its merits.

Tonight there was some talk that an element among the "dry" might attempt to make more certain their victory by proposing the submission of a prohibition constitutional amendment to be voted upon at the next general election.

Senator Sharpstein introduced the resolution. After some debate, vote was taken, with every Senator present. The vote was 26 for the resolution, six opposed. The 26 Senators in favor of the measure were: 23 Republicans, six Democrats and seven Progressives. Those opposed were: Five Republicans, one Democrat and one Progressive—Campbell of Everett.

The House adopted the Senate resolution by a vote of 91 ayes and one no. Those voting in the affirmative were: 71 Republicans, 12 Democrats and six Progressives. Voting in the negative were: Grass of King, Republican, while absentees were: Boyd of Spokane, Catlin of Clatsop, Manogue and Webster of King and Winston of Spokane, all Republicans.

MOTHERS' PENSION FIGHT ON

Progressive Senators Gather to Off-
set Favorable Report on Recall.

STATE CAPITOL, Olympia, Wash., Jan. 20.—(Special).—Alarmed by the fact that the revenue and taxation committee has rendered a favorable report on the Taylor bill, providing for recall of the mothers' pension act, a group of Progressive and near-Progressive Senators has started a movement to offset the effect of this report by the presentation of a bill to amend the present law, possibly with some alterations.

The Senators interested in having the law remain on the statute books include Phipps, of Spokane, and Campbell, of Snohomish, both elected as Progressives, but now participating in the Republican caucus. Davis of Pierce and Landon of King, both retaining their Bull Moose affiliations, and Metcalf, Republican.

RACING BILL IS OPPOSED

Washington Governor to Veto Meas-
ure, If Passed.

STATE CAPITOL, Olympia, Wash., Jan. 20.—(Special).—The Senate Committee on Judiciary today rejected a bill introduced by Governor Lister, the executive last night announced his opposition to the measure, which was taken under consideration by the committee on dairy and livestock, to which it was referred by the Senate.

The executive opposition is expected to seal the measure's fate, as the committee, originally picked as likely to be favorable to the measure, was evenly divided.

FISH FEES MAY DOUBLE

HOUSE COMMITTEE FAVORS IN-
CREASED LICENSES.

All but Gill-Net and Set-Net Permits
Likely to Be Raised—Divided Re-
port on Falls Bill Expected.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 20.—(Special).—The House fisheries committee tonight decided to report favorably on the bill by Scheibel which provides a 100 per cent increase on all commercial fishing licenses, with the exception of the gill-net and set-net licenses. The canneries themselves asked to have their licenses increased 50 per cent, but are not expected to object if they are raised 100 per cent.

A divided report doubtless will be returned by the committee on the Gill bill providing for the elimination of commercial fishing in the Willamette River between the Oregon City locks and the Oswego bridge. This measure was debated with more or less vigor before the committee Tuesday night.

Representative Scheibel, one of its members, is bitterly opposed to the

bill. Gill, the author of the measure, is a member of the committee, and the other members of which are lining up with either of these two.

Chairman Anderson proposes that the measure be reported back to the House without a recommendation. Other members want the "dead line" for commercial fishing moved down to the Suspension bridge at Oregon City, about 1000 feet from the present "dead line," 500 feet from the falls. Gill wants to report favorably on the measure and Scheibel wants to report unfavorably. A disagreement is certain, but a compromise is possible.

IMMIGRATION BOARD GOES

House Passes Abolishment Bill on
Which Senate Has Acted.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 20.—(Special).—The House this afternoon passed the Dimick bill abolishing the State Immigration Commission. The Senate passed the measure last week. While the bill makes an appropriation of \$20,000 there is no saving, as the Commission had not asked for any appropriation this year.

In recommending the passage of the Dimick bill Representative Olson about a high tribute to the work of Mr. Chapman and his assistants. The bill was passed unanimously.

The following bills were introduced in the House this afternoon:

H. B. 167, by Michelbook—Making County School Superintendent member of board of State Immigration Commission.

H. B. 168, by Eastern Oregon delegation—Dividing state into three railroad commission districts.

H. B. 169, by Stott—Providing for detention of witnesses.

H. B. 170, by Michelbook—Repealing law requiring extra commissioner in Multnomah County.

H. B. 171, by Hare—Relating to appeals in civil actions.

H. B. 172, by Irvine—Allowing persons to hunt on own land or on Pacific Ocean without license.

H. B. 173, by Horne—Prescribing qualifications for chauffeurs.

H. B. 174, by Horne—Providing one day's pay for contractor his agent.

H. B. 175, by Horne—Making superintendent of contractor his agent.

H. B. 176, by Horne—Repealing law requiring extra commissioner in Multnomah County.

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clothes we're featuring this week—

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BEN SELLING

Morrison at Fourth

STOCK ACTS FOUGHT

Oregon Pure-Bred Livestock
Men Meet at Salem.

GOVERNOR IS SPEAKER

Mr. Withycombe and C. N. Mc-
Arthur Address Association—Pro-
posed Abolition of Boards Is
Opposed—Hogs Big Topic.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 20.—(Special).—Legislative needs and some of the legislative bills that confront the livestock industry of Oregon were freely discussed at the semi-annual meeting of the Oregon Pure-Bred Livestock Association in the State House.

Governor Withycombe and Congressman-elect McArthur, both personally interested in the livestock business, were among the principal speakers. The Governor urged his hearers not to be discouraged over the present fluctuation in the hog market. He declared that hogs always will command an attractive price. He also presented the advantages of raising hogs as a profit-producing industry. The European war he pointed out is causing a shortage in horses which will maintain a high standard of values in the United States for many years to come. He commended the livestock industry, generally, however, as the cornerstone of agriculture upon which the prosperity of the nation depends.

The association was much concerned in its proposed pending legislation affecting the industry. The Scheibel bill providing abolition of the food and dairy department and the livestock sanitary board and the Old bill seeking abolition of the latter board, both of which are before the House, were discussed and denounced in resolutions adopted at the close of the meeting late tonight.

Mr. McArthur declared that he is in favor of Federal legislation prohibiting interstate shipments of cattle except for immediate slaughter unless within 12 months before shipment these cattle have undergone a tuberculin test by the bureau of animal industry of the National Department of Agriculture.

O. M. Plummer, of the Portland Union Stockyards, said the Stockyards Company is preparing to erect a \$250,000 hoghouse in connection with its plant at Portland to take care of the constantly increasing supply of hogs at the yards.

The following named committee was appointed to investigate bills affecting the livestock business before the present Legislature: William Schumacher, C. N. McArthur, Frank Brown, Frank Porter and Carl Abrams.

CLACKAMAS COURT HEARS CON-
TEST OF SANDY "JUSTICES."

Winner at Election Becomes Postmas-
ter, Resigns and Is Appointed.
Loser Still Holds On.

OREGON CITY, Ore., Jan. 20.—(Special).—Who is Justice of the Peace at Oregon City? The question was debated before the County Court this afternoon and is being discussed by every attorney in town who has learned the details of the matter.

C. D. Purcell was elected Justice of the Peace but, before he qualified for the office, he was appointed postmaster. He resigned the judicial post, but a postmaster cannot hold an elective office. The County Court then appointed him to the place.

J. E. Pomeroy, who was defeated at the election for the place and is the retiring Justice, quotes the state law requiring the Justice of the Peace to serve until his successor is elected and qualified. Mr. Purcell attempted to resign without qualifying, therefore, his resignation is invalid, Judge Pomeroy contends and asserts that he still holds the office. The court has the matter under advisement.

DALLAS HOST TO PYTHIANS

Grand Lodge Officers Attend District
Convention.

DALLAS, Or., Jan. 20.—(Special).—Marmion Lodge, No. 28, entertained the district convention of the Knights of Pythias of this state Monday night. Visitors came from all parts of the state. Nearly all the grand lodge officers were present, including Grand Chancellor Wrightman, of Silverton; Grand Vice-Chancellor Marks, of Albany; Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Stinson, of Salem; Grand Outer Guard Hawley, of The Dalles; Grand Inner Guard Finest, of Dallas, and Past Grand Chancellor Wrightman, of Salem.

In addition to the grand lodge officers the following lodges were represented by large delegations: Falls City, Independence, Salem, Hubbard,



WASHINGTON MAY TRY COMBINING
PRIMARY AND CONVENTION.

Bill Authorized by Joint Committee
Designed to Prohibit Votes by
Members of Other Parties.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 20.—(Special).—A partial return to the convention system of party nominations in Washington has been decided upon by joint committees on privileges and elections. Senator Sharpstein, of Walla Walla, of the Senate committee, was instructed by the joint committees yesterday to prepare a bill carrying out the ideas of the Republican members on the subject.

The bill is to provide a combination of the convention and primary system. The convention is to adopt a platform and nominate candidates for all offices by majority vote.

In case of a disagreement as to candidates for any office, the minority, if it represent 25 per cent of the members of the convention is to name a candidate also. If a minority of the minority, amounting to 10 per cent of the total number of delegates in the convention is dissatisfied with the second candidate, a third candidate is to be named. The three names then are to go on the primary ballot and the candidate receiving the largest vote at the primary is to be the party nominee.

"This would prevent an outsider from procuring a place upon the Republican party ballot," said Senator Sharpstein. "The provision giving any candidate having support of 10 per cent of the delegates a chance to go on the ballot, if there are three or more candidates, will, we believe, give ample opportunity to any one who would have a chance at the election."

Bridal Couple at Newport.

NEWPORT, Or., Jan. 20.—(Special).—John Withycombe, Jr., nephew of Governor Withycombe, and bride, of Corvallis, arrived last evening and are spending a few days at the seashore. They are registered at the Abbey.

U. S. spells us when breakfast time arrives.

All of us—you and I, our neighbor around the corner and the man in far off Australia or in England—we can all get Grape-Nuts at our grocer's.